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SUBJ: KING FAISAL REAFFIRMS NEED FOR CLOSE TIES WITH U.S.

REF JIDDA 4040 (NOTAL)

1. ON SEPT. 20, DURING RECEPTION AT GERMAN EMBASSY TO CELEBRATE RESUMPTION DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN FRG AND SAG, FRG'S DEP FONMIN SACHS, AND DELEGATION MEMBER KORNICH, TOLD TOARGE#THEY HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED AND SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY STRENGTH AND REPETITION OF KING'S REMARKS TO THEM THAT SAG AND FRG SHOULD MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE TIES WITH UNITED STATES. KORNICH SAID THAT ALTHOUGH KING DID RAISE WITH THEM USUAL TOPIC OF ZIONISM AND COMMUNISM, HE STRESSED ABOVE ALL THAT SAUDI ARABIA PLACED GREAT VALUE ON ITS RELATIONS WITH SAG AND WOULD ALWAYS SEEK TO PRESERVE THEM.

2. GERMAN DELEGATION FOUND KING'S REMARKS REASSURING, COMING AS THEY DID AGAINST BACKGROUND OF COMMENTS BY ARAB FIGURES AND KING HIMSELF (JIDDA 3805), WHICH SOME WESTERN COMMENTATORS REGARDED AS IMPLYING PRESSURE OR EVEN A THREAT.

3. CHARGE COMMENTED THAT KING HAD BEEN CORDIAL AND REASSURING ALSO DURING AMBASSADOR THACHER'S FAREWELL CALL SEPTEMBER 18 (REFTEL).HORAN

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